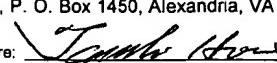




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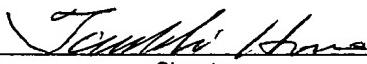
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicants hereby cite the following references:

| U.S. DOCUMENT NUMBER<br>Number-Kind Code (if known) | DATE       | NAME |
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| 5,566,225   | 10/15/1996 | Haas |

| FOREIGN DOCUMENT NUMBER<br>Number-Kind Code (if known) | DATE       | COUNTRY |
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Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of

the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). References B1 and B2 were cited in a European Search Report issued in the counterpart EPO application. A copy of the Search Report is attached to this Statement. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

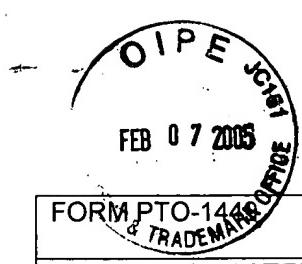
As noted on the first page of the Search Report, the Report was issued on November 26, 2004. For purposes of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d), Applicants certify that each item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this Statement.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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